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Youth Rally March 21 At Carnegie Hall

World Youth Week will be launched March 21 by a rally at Carnegie Hall, with simultaneous meetings being held in London, in China, in the Soviet Union, Canada, Yugoslavia, Latin America, India and other countries.

With Orson Welles as chairman, American Youth organizations will participate, among them: American Unitarian Youth, Girls' Friendly Society of the Episcopal Church, International Student Assembly, Junior Hadassah, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People—Youth Section, United Office and Professional Workers of America (CIO), YWCA National Industrial Council.

Pearl Primus, dancer, and other stars will be on the program.

'LOST' GENERATION OF YOUTH PREDICTED

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Dr. Lynd Says Boys and Girls Will Lose Their Jobs to Returning Veterans
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MAYOR SEES SAME TREND

High School Students Will Not Find Work, He Declares at Conference of Agencies

A post-war "lost" generation composed of young persons now at work who will be squeezed out of jobs by returning veterans was forecast yesterday by Dr. Robert C. Lynd, Professor of Sociology at Columbia University.

Dr. Lynd spoke before 600 persons at a conference on youth in City Hall under the auspices of the Civilian Defense Volunteer Office and the Welfare Council of New York City, a federation of 600 social and health agencies.

The sociologist described the new "lost" generation as similar to that in Germany and Austria after World War I—"too young for the glory of having been in war and passed over when jobs are given returning veterans."

Youth

Mayor La Guardia warned against training youth for jobstraits of national minorities be undertaken so that parents and children can be proud of their contribution to American life and not ashamed.

A table showing a rise in the child population of Queens County brought from the professor the comment that "before we get too cheerful about this lovely decentralization, recall the way too many of them are housed in the unlovely new slums built by commercial speculation since World War I."

Provision for Negroes

Citing another table that indicated an increase of 290 per cent in the non-white youth population of New York, which, he said, was primarily Negro, he asked:

"What does New York City intend for these Negro youths whom it forces to grow up as second class citizens?"

Dr. Lynd pointed out that, according to one table, an "army of 56,500 families in New York" had no male head of the family.

"That means," he said, "that in one out of every eight New York families—and one out of every five in Manhattan—children are growing up with one parent dead, divorced or remarried."

He suggested use of skilled neighborhood advisory centers to cope with the problem and group discussions in schools to help the children understand the worry of a single parent.

"Crucial" problems of the city, the sociologist declared, were the emotional adequacy of New York homes, the emotional adequacy of a child's circle of friends, the answer to a child's questions: "Who am I?" "What am I?", and the degree of literacy of parents in their ability to understand problems of adolescents, which he said "would be appalling, if we had the figures." New York needs a vast parent-education system "reaching into all its homes," he asserted.

Comment by Mayor

The Mayor said children today "were not much different than when we were kids" and that "intellectually and physically" they were better.

He criticized those who complained "about unfavorable housing conditions and yet will refuse to jail a landlord who maintains unsafe and unsanitary conditions in his building." He added, after applause greeted this remark:

"I can show you a list of ad-American life" as "crude, humanly wasteful and a sanctification of violations of the building law and what is, at needlessly many points, finally a fine of only five dollars. We must eliminate these fakers." Referring to the need in city for a human friendly touch

with pills, the Mayor told of visiting a special class, of asking a boy why he was there and of being told that his teacher thought he was "mentally crazy." Mr. La Guardia declared that "I'm going to follow p that case; I'm going to find out who is crazy."

Venereal Disease

Lawrence Frank of the Institute on Human Development reported that the venereal disease rate was increasing among persons 15 to 19 years old while decreasing among older groups and that a tenfold increase in commitment to mental hospitals was noted in youth groups, indicating added strains.

Mrs. Winthrop W. Aldrich, vice chairman of the CDVO, presided at the meeting. Grover A. Whalen, chairman-director of the CDVO, also spoke.

Dr. Alice V. Keliher, Associate Professor of Education at New York University, was moderator at a discussion by young persons. They suggested installation of an employment agency in every school, leadership in sympathy with youth's problems and desires, education of parents and teachers, more recreation centers and meeting places, teen-age canteens for boys in service and delegation of more responsibility to youth in running its own activities and in participating in community work.

Rally Asks Army to Give Equality to Negro Nurses

A plea for the full utilization of Negro nurses in the army on a footing of equality was made yesterday in a "brotherhood rally" sponsored by American Youth for Democracy yesterday in the Stevens hotel. Religious, youth, and labor leaders spoke.



Detroit Free Press 5-26-45
HEROISM REWARDED—Twelve-year-old William Long is presented with a lifesaving medal by Police Commissioner John F. Ballenger. The boy made three trips into his flaming home at 2657 Madison, to rescue his two baby sisters and two younger brothers. The presentation was made at the Y-G Youth Center, Gratiot and St. Aubin, Friday night.

Youth Help Themselves

The Call Young Georgians Tackle Delinquency Problem And Do Something About It

By RALPH MARK GILBERT

SAVANNAH.—(ANP)—All over the country there has been a lot of talk about the spreading of juvenile delinquency. Savannah was no exception to this rule, so a group of college and high school youngsters got together to see what they could do about it. They finally organized the Youth Association for Community betterment, electing Louis Rivers, a sophomore at Georgia State college, as president.

In Georgia, a law was passed recently extending the suffrage to all persons of 18 years of age and up, so the first thing these youngsters did was to put on an extensive campaign to register all of these eligible youngsters to vote. At times they had so many going down to register that it looked like a parade storming into the county building. The net result of this effort was that a few more youngsters within this age category were registered than there were among the older populace.

SECURED PLACE WITHOUT MONEY
 These young people next decided on opening and operating a youth canteen. Then they genuinely met with difficulties. They had no money, and securing a place was difficult at best.

Finally they found that there was a building on the premises where the city operates a swimming pool for colored, and they secured the free use of the entire second floor of this building, which is rather spacious; and they fitted it up, and there they have instituted a full scale recreational program, with the help of a very sympathetic friend, the recreational director, Joseph Green.

Another feature of this wide-awake group of youngsters is the organization of a community chorus, which is composed of various musical aggregations of young people, most notably the junior choirs from the several churches. These young people meet only once a week for rehearsal, but make themselves available for whatever occasion may find use for their services.

To give you some idea of their importance to the life of the community, these young people were recently called in by the superintendent of the school system to give their views as to an appropriate location for a proposed new Negro high school which it is contemplated will be erected shortly after the war.

REWARDS TO OUSTANDING YOUTH
 Some idea also may be gained as to the serious-mindedness of this group by the subject of the latest symposium which they sponsored, which was, "Shall

the Negro Live?" and which still has staid old Savannah stimulated into after-discussion.

Their latest contribution was the awarding of two beautiful loving cups, one to the young man in the community voted as the "Inspiration of Youth for 1945," the other to the young woman in the community likewise voted "Inspiration of Youth for 1945." This, the organization plans to make an annual event. The two young people selected are chosen on the basis of their general influence for good and contribution made to worthy community service during the year, and none of the officers of the organization is ever eligible for the award.

The spirit of unselfish service which these young people have banded themselves together to give, and the results they are obtaining, is noteworthy and unusual, and goes to show that our Negro youth, given the proper incentive and just a little encouragement, will measure up to their own responsibility. They demand wholesome recreation, but they do not insist upon making life merely a frolic, and they are just as much interested in devoting themselves to worthwhile, serious, constructive causes.

Illinois Youths Outlaw *The Chicago Defender Chicago, Illinois* Jim Crow In Teen-Canteens

11-17-45
 DECATUR, ILL.—More than 200 young boys and girls from 40 cities, organized into the Illini Youth association, voted this week that racial discrimination be outlawed in teen-canteens throughout the state.

The delegates, meeting in the Decatur and Macon Youth center, also denounced the racial strikes in Gary and Chicago high schools.

William Thomas, 15-year-old junior in the Decatur high school, told the delegates, "We should organize our association with the idea to outlaw racial discrimination. All youngsters, irrespective of race or faith, must be permitted to attend the youth centers."

The meeting voted that each recreation center should carry out the mandate against Jim Crow.

"The youngsters know best," declared Harold E. Grossmann, newly-elected president of the adult division of the Illini Youth association. "There's no racial animosity among them; usually it is the fault of the parents."

"The leaders of tomorrow can better determine what makes our democracy great than we adults."

Paul Berry, 16, of Roxana, Ill., was elected president of the youth division. Chairman of the association's Chicago area section is J. Daniel Dowdakin of Proviso Township high school.

In the Chicago area there are more than 60 youth centers, which were organized with the backing of the Chicago Conference for Youth, headed by Maj. Lenox R. Lohr, president of the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry.

'Youth Must Be Reared Now To Be Leaders Tomorrow'

DELORES FIELDS

Though the excitement has calmed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Fields of 1533 Buchanan after the announcement last Wednesday night of their daughter's \$750 bond victory in the Radio Comedian Eddie Cantor Essay contest, the telephone is still ringing with messages of congratulations for the second prize winner, sixteen-year old Delores.

When she heard her name announced as she was listening to the Eddie Cantor broadcast, Delores for a moment went into hysterics and her dad "passed out" she described. But now—Delores is quite cool, calm and collected. Some of her friends have been warning her "not to let all of that money go to your head." Delores said, "no, it will not go to my head—it will go to the bank."

Already Delores had a \$50 war bond that she won in a local Kiddies Review program last fall for playing two piano numbers on a radio program. She had almost forgotten that.

"That's a lot of money for a sixteen-year old girl," commented her father as he revealed that he was 21 years old before he started trying to get his \$750.

Loves Home

A very quiet, home-girl, Delores spends her time practicing piano lessons, practicing shorthand and typing of which she is very fond. She reads, sews some, doesn't like housework "much," can cook, doesn't like parties and does not care for dances, she revealed.

She attends Sunday school regularly at the Maple Street Baptist church and plays for services whenever asked.

When Delores heard of the contest last month, she paid no attention to it until her mother urged her to "sit down and try out." Delores never expected to win anything, she said, but just wrote what she and the family talked about around home, frequently regarding the much-discussed "juvenile delinquency."

She mailed her essay the next day. A hundred-thousand other contest-

ants did likewise. But what is puzzling Delores is how she won—when she is not even studying English this term at East high school. Oh yes, she's had English and likes it and will take more before she graduates next January.

Here is her winning essay entitled "Juvenile Delinquency: Its Causes and Solution":

Des Moines, Iowa.
"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

Ever since that fateful day in December, 1941, America has been plunged into a dreadful struggle—a struggle for world freedom and democracy. And, among other problems, we, here on the home front are faced with a most flaring problem—that of juvenile delinquency.

True, there is a delinquency problem, but it is not juvenile delinquency—on the contrary, it is parental delinquency in the form of broken homes and severed family relationships!

More Helpless

It must be remembered that man is, at birth, more helpless than any other member of the animal kingdom thus requiring much more training and guidance. The human mother cannot turn her young loose, as do others of the animal kingdom, that is, she cannot do it and obtain the best results.

It must not be forgotten either, that upon us, the young people of today, rests the governmental control and leadership for tomorrow. How can we hope to avoid another world conflict such as we are engaged in now if we have no one to depend upon for instruction and guidance today?

At the Dumbarton Oaks conference, men from many nations came together for the purpose of preparing for postwar peace organization. But, who is to carry out these plans later? The answer is obvious—today's youth. And, until the foot-loose, carefree and cold-digging par-

ents come down to earth, and until they begin to instruct their children properly, all or any peace proposals can be of no avail. For what good is it to have plans, even though they are excellent, with no one suited to carry them out?

Many Shirking Duty

In many, many cases, parents are shirking their duty as parents and hiding behind the numerous complexities of this international emergency. You ask why there is so much difficulty with today's youth; but, in reality, today's youth is no worse than the youth of the past—the trouble lies with this "modernized parenthood," this type of parenthood wherein the children are deprived of parental love and companionship.

It is understood that many fathers are away, serving our country, and very gallantly, too; but, there are so many more right here on the home front who are not raising a finger to aid the children; thus making the children lazy, shiftless, and gradually developing into menaces to society.

A father ought to be more than "just a father," he ought to be a buddy to his son or sons. A boy should be taught from a youngster up to take delight in going on field, hunting and fishing trips with his father.

If mothers gained the confidence of their growing daughters through motherly counsel, love and affection, many tears would be left unshed. But instead, mothers are out at all times of the day and night at their various parties, bridge games and many other useless pastimes. And their children—No one knows where they are; maybe they are in school—maybe they are not.

It is not my aim to bring forth the point that parents should not enjoy recreation—indeed, they should and frequently too; but not to excess for it must be remembered that duty comes before pleasure, always.

Church and School

Parents are failing in their duty to their children in many other ways. One of the most outstanding which has not yet been named is that so many, many parents fail to go to church, thus failing to teach their children of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

Parents do not support the local

parent-teacher organizations in the public schools nearly as well as they should. The lack of co-operation between the home and school often causes much difficulty, whereas, if the parents and teachers were able to confer, there would not be this complex problem of discipline in school. And, more often than not, the teacher is willing to go more than half-way in helping to solve problems of this nature.

Recreation Centers

There have been many fine things done for the youth in the form of recreation centers in neighborhood community centers and churches. Many large ballrooms have made the use of their premises available for



the youth; but, be that as it may, until Mr. and Mrs. America wake up and realize that they are making a dreadful failure in the rearing of their children, which is, indeed, a serious injustice to the children, and begin once again to build up the broken homes, and mend the severed family relationships, American cannot go on and progress in a desirable manner.

America's youth must be reared now to be good parents and leaders tomorrow!

Atlanta Youth Federation Plans Political Fight

The executive committee of the Atlanta Youth Federation will meet Wednesday, December 12, to complete plans for the launching of its political program through which it hopes to bring about a greater participation in our democratic way of life. Mr. Lorenzo Benn, Chairman of the Executive Committee states: "It is now or never in our quest for political participation in our government—to this end the youth of Atlanta are moving an unresisting force."

The organizations that are to participate are:

Spartans, Les Sheiks, La Belles Mademoiselles, Baby Rens, Escanovas, Spartanettes, Marvels YMCA Debs, Pauer Dolls, Jerricks Trojans, Jolly Sophisticates, Targeteers, Jester Ten, Three Cavelles, Cotillion Club, Six Aces, Kappalettes Modernettes, Royal Cavaliers, Les Charmers, Yellow Jacks, Yorubans, Lucky Dukes, Jivin' Wonders, Northside Club, Girl's Reserve Jr., Missionary, Savoy, Caldonia, Regals Vagabonds, S'lee Club, Omegas, Rennents, Club Panadolphi, Jump For Joy, Tri-Hi-Y, Adelphi, Sophisticates, and the Golden Eagles.

WHITE CADET TRAINS IN PLANE PURCHASED BY MANASSAS STUDES

A/C R. O. Beck, Jr., Class 45G, U. S. Army AFTD, Riddle Aeronautical Institute, Calstrom Field, Arcadia, Florida, as a Memphian, had the distinction of being the 1st cadet to fly a training plane purchased by students of Manassas High school with war bonds and stamps. Young Beck, a white youth, who live at 812 Chelsea Avenue, in the vicinity of this colored high school wrote Principal A. Hayes as follows: **Memphis World**

"I wish to notify you that the war bond purchases of your students were not in vain. It so happened that I was the first cadet to fly the training plane that your students donated to the war effort. Being that I am a Memphis boy, I wish to show my appreciation for what my "home town" is doing to help us service men."

Mr. Hayes, in commenting on the letter, said that the circumstances that made it possible for a white youth from Memphis to get his basic air training in a plane purchased by colored youths are prophetic of better understanding between the races.

"Especially when a youngster writes as did Cadet R. O. Beck, he added. **4-13-45**

Young Beck's parents had not been identified at this writing.

Youth Delegates

Visit Tuskegee **5-19-45**
See (TUSKEGEE)

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., May 1945—Pausing here Monday on a transcontinental trip enroute to San Francisco, three representatives of the World Youth Council with headquarters in London, visited the two air fields; spent a period in sightseeing of campus activities and conferred with a group of advanced students on Southern interracial problems.

Miss Damon Included

The visiting party included Miss Damon, New York City, executive secretary, American Youth For a Free World, one of the organizations affiliated with the World Council; Svendage Boyer Pederson, who served with Danish Merchant Navy and now International Relations Officer of the World Youth Council, and Miss Yang Kang, a journalist from China, now studying in America.

Joint Conference

En route to Tuskegee Institute, the group visited Birmingham where they met officers of the Southern Negro Youth Congress and in a joint conference with white college students discussed the post war world outlook.

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More Negro Boys and Girls Coming From New York July 5 Than Heretofore

When the Negro children arrive in Burlington July 5, they will go to widely separated sections of the state. Some will be entertained here in the city, others will head for Addison county, also Lamoille and Caledonia, Orleans, Chittenden, Grand Isle and Washington counties.

This summer, according to the Rev. A. Ritchie Low who was in the city yesterday attending the Champlain Ministers' association and visiting parishioners in the local hospitals, the youngsters coming from Harlem are to be asked to bring with them their ration books. This will help their hosts when it comes to their entertainment.

Homes to which the children, nine to 12 years of age, have been invited include Underhill, Lyndonville, Troy, Bristol, Stowe, Westfield, Lowell, Newport, New Haven, St. Albans, Richmond, Sheldon, Eden, Johnson, Richmond, Morrisville, Fairfax, Montgomery, Alburg, Enosburg Falls and Waterville. Others are being added daily to the list.

Applications Leap

"The number of invitations received so far are way ahead of this time last year," Mr. Low stated yesterday. "Those who had these Negro youngsters in their homes last summer had such a pleasant experience and their own children received so much good from the friendly contacts that the news has spread. This word-of-mouth publicity is how we account for so many new applications."

Because of the increase in the number of Negro boys and girls coming to Vermont more are available this summer. It is not too late to make plans to receive one or two of these Harlem children into homes and those interested should get in touch with Ritchie Low in Johnson.

Railroad fares from and to New York city are to be provided by the Abyssinian Baptist church and St. Philip's Episcopal church, the two parishes from which the group will come. Vermonters provide the entertainment. The funds with which to provide transportation are being raised in Harlem by sponsoring entertainments, dinners and programs of various sorts. No one either in New York

or in Vermont, it was learned yesterday, receives a cent remuneration. Everything is done voluntarily.

Crisis In Panama

Public Opinion
The NATIONAL DAILY

PANAMA, DEC 30 and the Front comprises 42

A general strike through youth organizations from all out Panama was called for Panama's provinces. today in manifesto issued The manifesto read, in by the Patriotic Youth Front effect:
new force in Panamanian people:
politics, as the Republic's "The nation has entered a political turmoil intensified period of absolute dictatorship. with President Ricardo By means of a decree which Adolfo de la Guardia still abolishes constitutional guarantees, the person who at seeking to form a new cabinet and U.S. armed forces present holds power, in spite banned from Panama by the of public declarations supporting the current full alert. ing the validity of the Constitution of 1941, has proceeded

These latest developments followed the sudden intensification of Panama's political crisis when President De la Guardia issued a decree suspending the nation's constitution eliminating all guarantee of civil rights. The President's move, which was supported by his Cabinet, was followed shortly by the resignation of five of the six members of the Cabinet, the sixth member being Foreign Minister Samuel Lewis, Jr who at present is in the United States.

Meanwhile from the Hotel Tivoli in Ancon, the 14 members of the 32-man National Assembly who are at present taking refuge in the Canal Zone, issued a manifesto calling on the people of Panama "to declare their opposition to the dictatorship which has just now been imposed by Ricardo Adolfo de la Guardia in his ignoble insistence on satisfying personal ambition to increase his wealth and to perpetuate himself in power."

Tremendous potentialities lay in the manifesto calling for a general public strike in Panama. The Patriotic Youth Front was created yesterday by the 400 delegates attending the intensely political-conscious National Youth Congress in Panama's National University buildings. During the day yesterday

several individuals were arrested by the National Police. Some of them were released later in the day, but others were held at the Central Police Station: Panama American.

"The reign of terror prevails; the jail is full of members of the Youth Congress. The sacred precincts of the University have been violated. Every citizen who expresses free thought is persecuted cruelty without consideration of age or sex. The diplomatic immunity of a sister nation has been violated. 11-12-45"

"Panamanian people: 'The hour to defend your rights has arrived. Declare yourselves in a general strike. Cooperate toward an obligatory stoppage of all activity. Only with the participation of your youth can have assurance of government by the people and for the people, directed by elements of a free and honest youth. Arrests

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World Federation of Democratic youth

World Youth Elects Negroes to Council

The Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

12-1-45

LONDON—Two colored delegates from the United States were among the eight from America placed upon the council of the newly-organized World Federation of Democratic Youth formed here at the close of the twelve-day meeting of youth delegates from sixty-three nations.

The Negro council members are Gloster Current of the NAACP, and Esther Cooper of the Southern Negro Youth Congress. Other United States council members are Elsa Graves, National Industrial Council, YWCA; Thomas Neill, United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers, CIO; Frances Damon, American Youth for a Free World; Russel Jones, National Intercollegiate Christian Council; Naomi Chertoff, Junior Hadassah, and Alice Horton, United States Student Assembly.

Mr. Current of the NAACP told reporters that there was a division of opinion among the twenty delegates from America and that practically all of the decisions were by a majority vote rather than the unanimous vote which had been asserted. He said a minority of the U. S. delegation had agreed on the following recommendations to their organizations back home:

"We recommend that affiliation with the World Federation of Democratic Youth be withheld until there is established in the United States a broadly representative coordinating committee for youth organization in the young adult-age group.

"Further, we advise that no meeting be held to consider such an organization until the entire American delegation returns to the United States."

Five Negro
Daily World

Delegates

Atlanta, Ga.

At Meeting

12-2-45

By RUDOLPH DUNBAR

(Associated Negro Press Foreign Correspondent)

PARIS—(ANP)—I have just returned from London where America's five Negro delegates to the world youth conference joined with youths from 64 countries to denounce war and world imperialism. There were 21 delegates from the United States.

The five American Negro delegates were Esther V. Cooper, executive secretary of the Southern Youth congress with headquarters at Birmingham, Ala.; Oliver Stokes, Baptist Education association; Gloster Current, Detroit NAACP branch; Alexander Mapp, Columbus, O., national Urban league and Russell Jones, Intercollegiate

message to Congress on Oct. 16 when he urged that proper legislation be enacted to provide for Puerto Rico's political emancipation and urged Negro youth to support the president's position.

"We know that the future of Puerto Rico is closely interwoven with the future of the people of the world who are now struggling everywhere to determine if the

peace shall now belong to those who fought and died for it," she said.

Christian council.

The youths discovered that war is a huge calamity which shocks mankind out of his apathy and complacency. A picture against imperialism was partly supplied by Miss Cooper, who served on "The Needs of Youth in the Colonies" commission.

FREEDOM MEANS PEACE

"Self determination for the colonies is necessary for a stable and lasting peace," she said in her paper on the subject. "The lifting of the color bar and the pass system in South Africa is as necessary for international peace and security as the winning of the right to vote in the south is for the strengthening of American democracy.

"As the trusteeship council stands today," she continued, "there is little difference from the mandates system established by the League of Nations after the first world war. At the San Francisco conference of the United Nations. Molotov of the Soviet Union, declared that the winning of freedom for the colonial peoples is of first importance in maintaining peace and security throughout the world. Unfortunately, an almost meaningless phrase in Article 73 of the Charter was inserted in place of the forceful words of Mr. Molotov.

"It is the duty of the democratic loving youth of the world to exert pressure on their governments to immediately strengthen the trusteeship council of the UNO to guarantee the right to independence to all the oppressed people of the world. Suffrage rights and full participation in colonial legislative

bodies by the colonial youth can no longer be delayed. Let us support a concrete plan for progressive advancement to self government within a 15-year period for west Africa.

FREE PUERTO RICANS

American youth, she said, is particularly concerned with the struggle for freedom within "Puerto Rico, which is rapidly reaching a crisis. The people of Puerto Rico have for too long been oppressed by American imperialism."

She referred to Pres. Truman's